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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2008, consideration is respectfully requested of the following amendments and remarks. Further, consideration is requested of the attached Rule 132 Declarations by Profs. George and Godwin. An Information Disclosure Statement will be filed.

Applicants petition for a three-month extension in the period for response; the required fee is attached.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-8.

Claims 15-17, 27-28 and 31 are amended.

Claims 20-23 and 32-34 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 37-40 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 9.